

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 98

Commending the University of North Carolina men's basketball team for winning the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6, 2005

Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. DOLE) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the University of North Carolina men's basketball team for winning the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

Whereas on April 4, 2005, the North Carolina Tar Heels defeated the Illinois Fighting Illini 75–70 in the finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA”) Division I Men's Basketball Tournament in St. Louis, Missouri;

Whereas the Tar Heels now hold 5 men's basketball titles, including 4 NCAA tournament titles—the fourth-most in NCAA history;

Whereas the Tar Heels' men's team has won championships in 1924, 1957, 1982, 1993, and 2005;

Whereas Tar Heels head coach and Asheville, North Carolina, native Roy Williams won his first NCAA title in just his second year coaching the team, improving to 470–116 in 17 seasons as a head coach, and has the best record of any active coach in men’s basketball;

Whereas seniors Jawad Williams, Jackie Manuel, Melvin Scott, Charlie Everett, and C.J. Hooker celebrated 4 years at North Carolina with a “Final Four” win;

Whereas Sean May was named Most Outstanding Player of the tournament, scoring 26 points and collecting 10 rebounds in the final game;

Whereas Tar Heels Raymond Felton and Rashad McCants joined Sean May on the All-Tournament Team, along with Illini players Luther Head and Deron Williams;

Whereas the North Carolina Tar Heels finished the 2004–2005 season with 33 wins and just 4 losses, and won the championship by defeating an Illinois team that tied an NCAA record for wins in a season at 37;

Whereas freshman Tar Heel Marvin Williams helped seal the victory with a tip-in with 1 minute and 26 seconds left to play;

Whereas the Tar Heel defense held Illinois to 27 percent from the field in the first half and prevented the Illini from scoring during the last 2 minutes and 37 seconds;

Whereas North Carolina defeated Michigan State 87–71 to earn a spot in the final contest;

Whereas the Tar Heels defeated Oakland and Iowa State in Charlotte, North Carolina, then Villanova and Wisconsin in Syracuse, New York, to advance to the “Final Four”;

Whereas Albemarle, North Carolina, native Woody Durham has been the radio play-by-play voice of North Carolina's basketball programs since 1971, and this was his 11th "Final Four" with the Tar Heels and third national championship call;

Whereas the Tar Heel team members are excellent representatives of a fine university that is a leader in higher education, producing 38 Rhodes scholars, as well as many fine student-athletes and other leaders;

Whereas each player, coach, trainer, manager, and staff member dedicated this season and their efforts to ensure the North Carolina Tar Heels reached the summit of college basketball;

Whereas the Tar Heels showed tremendous dedication to each other, appreciation to their fans, sportsmanship to their opponents, and respect for the game of basketball throughout the 2005 season; and

Whereas residents of the Old North State and North Carolina fans worldwide are to be commended for their long-standing support, perseverance and pride in the team: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the champion North Carolina
3 Tar Heels for their historic win in the 2005 Na-
4 tional Collegiate Athletic Association Division I
5 Men's Basketball Tournament;

6 (2) recognizes the achievements of the players,
7 coaches, students, and support staff who were in-

1 instrumental in helping the University of North Caro-
2 lina Tar Heels win the tournament; and
3 (3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-
4 mit a copy of this resolution to University of North
5 Carolina Chancellor James Moeser and head coach
6 Roy Williams for appropriate display.

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